Western Washington University Libraries’ Daylight Lounge Collection is a curated collection that connects students, staff, faculty, and community members to books and DVDs that encourage an appreciation of reading, promote life-long learning, and provide comfort/relaxation in times of stress. In alignment with Western Libraries’ Commitment to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, the Daylight Lounge Collection embraces diversity, equity, and inclusion and vigorously opposes racism, prejudice, and discrimination.

The Daylight Lounge Collection is meant to be up-to-date, attractive, and useful. It is maintained through regular replacement and weeding. Weeded materials are retained in our main collection.

Daylight Lounge books can be checked out for twenty-one days, and Daylight Lounge audio-visual materials can be checked out for seven days. Daylight Lounge materials are not renewable and are not eligible for Interlibrary Loan (ILL) or Summit lending. All items have a replacement fee of $75.00 and an additional nonrefundable processing fee of $15.00.

The Daylight Lounge Collection is administered and led by the Daylight Lounge Team (DLT). The Daylight Lounge Team reviews suggestions and selects materials for the collection. Selections are chosen from various bestseller lists, critical reviews, and suggestions from patrons. The Daylight Lounge Team is responsible for making final selection and deselection decisions.

The Daylight Lounge Team uses the following criteria to evaluate suggestions and select materials for the collection:

- Award Winners
- Recently released materials (released/published within the last 1.5 years)
  - Exceptions will be made for older content that is resurfing in popularity
- Materials with mainstream, popular appeal
- Materials that adhere to a theme of popular interest
- Materials attainable at a reasonable cost
- Materials that represent diverse experiences/points of view

The following genres are not considered:

- Cookbooks
- How-to books
- Scholarly nonfiction
- Self-Help
- Travel Guides
- Political Candidate Memoirs

A note on series:
- Book series will be considered based on the following criteria:
  - Series will be considered if they have a known end volume and there are not more than 5 books in the series. Exceptions may be made for series with significant demand.
- The DLT will not purchase books in the middle of a series unless there is significant demand for the series. In that case, the earlier volumes will be purchased and the series completed.
- The DLT may decide to stop collecting books in a series if that series is not circulating.
  - TV series will be considered on a case by case basis. As with book series, the DLT may decide to stop collecting if the series is not circulating.

Daylight Lounge Collection acquisitions are purchased from non-state library funds as designated by the Associate Dean of Libraries. Expenditures are not to exceed $1,500 per quarter.

Final decisions regarding the interpretation of this document are made by the Director of Collections or their designee.